ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

OF THE

FORTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Judson Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

Pleasant Grove Church, Henry Co., Ala.,

October 3, 4 and 5, 1890.

OFFICERS.

J. B. Ward, Moderator.....Abbeville, Ala.
W. A. McClendon, Clerk.....Abbeville, "
W. J. Martin, Treasurer.....Abbeville, "

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

J. W. Foster.....Abbeville, Ala.
M. V. Capps.....Abbeville, "
A. Armstrong.....Abbeville, "
W. L. McGee.....Lawrenceville, "
J. F. Dawsey.....Dothan, "

The next session will be held with Abbeville Church, commencing on Friday before the first Sabbath in October, 1891. The Introductory Sermon to be preached by Rev. A. L. Martin; alternate, A. Daughety.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call for Petitionary Letters.
2. Invite visiting ministers to seats with us.
3. Call for Correspondents.
4. Appoint Committee on Preaching.
5. Appoint Committee on Nominations.
6. Appoint Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons.
7. Appoint Committee on Publications.
8. Appoint Committee on Documents.
9. Appoint a Committee on Finance.
10. Arrange the Hours of Meeting and Adjourning.
11. Appoint Correspondents.
12. Elect Delegates to State Convention.
13. Elect Executive Committee and Treasurer.
14. Call for Report of Executive Committee.
15. Call for Report on Missions (A) State, (B) Home, (C) Foreign.
16. Call for Report on Temperance.
17. Call for Report on Aged and Indigent Ministers, and Deceased Ministers' Families.
18. Call for Report on Sabbath-schools.
19. Call for Colporteur's Report.
20. Call for Treasurer's Report.
21. Call for Report on Education.
22. Call for Report on Publications.
23. Call for Report on Deceased Ministers and Deacons.
24. Call for Report on Nominations.
25. Call for Report on Documents.
26. Arrange Time and Place for Next Session.
27. Call for Report on Finance.
28. Appoint Standing Committees:
    - On State Missions,
    - On Home Missions,
    - On Foreign Missions,
    - On Sabbath-schools,
    - On Education,
    - On Temperance,
    - On Aged and Indigent Ministers,
    - On Church Building Fund.
29. Read Minutes.
30. Adjourn.

☞ Fifteen minutes allotted for miscellaneous business at the opening of each session.

MINUTES.

The Judson Baptist Association convened in fortieth annual session with Pleasant Grove church, Henry county, Alabama, October 3, 1890.

The introductory sermon was preached by Bro. D. E. Burdeshaw: Text, Isaiah 63:1. Bro. R. Deal, of the Newton Association, led in prayer, and the benediction was pronounced by Bro. Burdeshaw.

The body adjourned until 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The body was called to order by the Moderator, J. W. Foster. Bro. R. C. Deal conducted the religious exercises by reading John 10:1-18, and singing, "I love thy kingdom Lord," followed with prayer.

The Moderator appointed brethren J. W. Thomas, J. B. Ward and J. A. Stephens to read the letters from the churches.

Churches and messengers were enrolled as follows:

Abbeville—Wm. J. Martin, T. A. Trawick, Z. W. Laney.
Adoniram—J F Boon, W. A. Herndon.
Bethel—J W Malone A L Ray. S J Belcher.
Beulah—J. J Boyett, J W. Pitman, J. W. Peacock.
Christian Grove—R B. Lee. J. W. Hughes, J B. Deshazo.
Center—John Roney, J M Wells F M. Roney.
Concord—Z T Knowles F M Kirkland
Enon—B H Whitten. W B Andrews W. A Peacock.
Fellowship—A Harp J W Barnes, W. R. Wiggins.
Friendship—Wm Phillips, C V Miller S. A Savell.
Headland- J. B. White. W H. F Smith, J. A. Campbell.
Hebron—A J. Armstrong N J Etheridge, J. M. Armstrong.
Judson.—J W. Thomas, G. L Flemming.
Lawrenceville—W L McGee. N L Hanley.
Mt Pleasant, Barbour—Not represented
Mt Pleasant, Dale—J. A Stephens, Wm Petrus, J. M Mann.
Mt. Ariel—F. B Jernigan, R D. Richards, W. C. Jernigan.
New Hope—J W Herndon. T. A Gamble.
Oaky Grove—W W. Kirkland, W. J G. Morning.
Pleasant Grove—S. H Singletary. Wm G. Davison, A. Armstrong.
Sardis—E D Holley. Cornelius Johnson.
Shorterville—Z P Miller, G. T. Roberts, J. B. Mills.
Smyrna—W W. Whiddon. M. Cherry, A Daughety.
Tolbert—Wm J. Barnes W H Elmore, M. P Shelley.
Union—S. A. Simmons, W L Bracken.
Old Zion—Wm. J. Doswell, A. Starling.

Bro. Ransom Deal, of the Newton Association, was called to the chair.

Bro. J W. Thomas moved that Bro. J. W. Foster be re-elected Moderator by acclamation.

The motion was carried.

Bro. Foster appealed to the body to be excused, reminding them of the agreement at the last session of the Association, that he would serve them that time, but should be excused this.

Notwithstanding Bro. Foster's excuse, because of the able manner in which he had presided over the Association for the past ten years'

the brethren were reluctant in parting with his services. Several addresses and appeals were made for his re-election.

On motion, a vote was taken as to whether Bro. Foster should be excused or not, and a majority of the votes cast were in favor of his excuse.

Bro. A. Armstrong put in nomination Bro. W. L. McGee, and Bro. G. L. Flemming put in nomination Bro. J. B. Ward. Both these brethren begged to be excused. A vote was taken, and Bro. Ward receiving a majority of the votes cast, was declared elected.

Bro. Foster conducted Bro. Ward to the chair, who, thanking the body for the confidence manifested in him, entered upon the duties of his office.

The election of clerk being the next thing in order, Bro. J. W. Thomas moved that Bro. W. A. McClendon be re-elected by acclamation. The motion was carried.

On motion, the regular order of business was adopted.

Called for petitionary letters.

Invited visiting ministers to seats with us, and received from the Evergreen Association Bro. W. C. T. Moseley.

Called for correspondence, and received from the Newton Association brethren Ransom Deal, R. C. Deal and A. Pellum.

Called for correspondence from the Eufaula Association.

Called for correspondence from the Columbia Association.

Called for correspondence from the Evergreen Association.

Called for correspondence from the Bethel, Georgia, Association, and received Bro. H. L. Crumbley.

On motion, the Moderator was allowed until morning to appoint the committees.

Bro. J. W. Herndon moved that we meet at 8:30 a. m. and 2 p. m., spend half an hour each morning in devotional exercises, and adjourn at pleasure.

Returned correspondence to Associations as follows:

Newton—Rev. A. L. Martin, W. L. McGee, A. L. Ray.
Columbia—W. W. Whiddon, J. J. Boyett, J. A. Campbell, D. E. Burdeshaw, A. Daughety, S. A Savell.
Evergreen—Rev. R. B Lee.
Eufaula—Rev. R. B. Lee, W. L. McGee, S J. Belcher.

On motion, the appointment of delegates to the State Convention, and the election of an executive committee was left to the discretion of the committee on Nominations.

Bro. W. L. McGee called the attention of the Association to the fact that the committee who had been appointed to investigate and settle what is called the "Savell" case had met, had made their report, and suggested that the Association should take some action in the matter.

Bro. A. Armstrong moved that the regular order of business be suspended, and the report of the committee be read.

Motion carried.

A minority report was presented, and the Moderator ruled it out of order, upon the grounds that it had been formulated since the adjournment of the committee, and never was submitted to the committee as a whole.

The regular report was then read as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATION.

Pursuant to a call made by the Moderator, and ordered by the Judson Association, the committee appointed by the different churches to investigate the trouble, known as the "Savell case," met, and went into temporary organization by calling Bro. A. Daughety to the chair.

Bro. Daughety briefly stated the object of the meeting; after which the body went into permanent organization, by electing Bro. A. J. Armstrong, chairman, and G. B. Weaver, clerk.

On motion, adopted by the body, all except the committee were asked to retire from the house, with the understanding that if any brother present were needed before the body he would be called.

After all spectators had retired from the house, and, after prayer by Bro. D. E. Burdeshaw, the body proceeded to business.

By unanimous invitation by the body, Bro. C. V. Miller, from Friendship church, was invited into the house to make a statement in regard to the action of Friendship church in receiving Bro. S. A. Savell into her membership.

It was then moved and carried, that the chairman ask Bro. Miller such questions as pertained to the question only.

After Bro. Miller had made a statement, and answered such questions as were put to him, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by the body:

We, the committee appointed by the churches to investigate the trouble in the Judson Association, known as the 'Savell case," make the following decision:

Resolved, That the trouble is that two churches within the bounds of the Judson Association have for their pastor a brother who is not a legal ordained minister, and in accordance with the decision rendered by a majority of the churches at the last session of the Association, we find that Friendship and Adoniram churches are out of order, and that the Association should withdraw from them.

A. J. ARMSTRONG, Chm'n.

G. B. Weaver, Clerk.

On motion of Bro. J. A. Stephens, the report of the committee was adopted.

Called for the report on Foreign Missions.

Bro. McGee asked to be allowed till morning to report. The request was granted.

Called for the report on State Missions,

On motion, it was deferred till morning.

Called for the report on Home Missions.

On motion, it was deferred till morning.

The Moderator appointed the following committee on Preaching: Messengers from Pleasant Grove church; S. M. Singletary, W. G. Davison and A. Armstrong.

The committee announced that Bro. Moseley would preach at the church to-night.

On motion adjourned. Sang long meter doxology. Benediction by Bro. J. W. Herndon.

SECOND DAY.

Saturday, October 4, 1890.

8:30 a. m. The body was called to order by the Moderator. Devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. R. B Lee.

On motion, the roll was called.

The letter from Center church was presented, and, on motion of Bro. G. T. Roberts, the letter was read, and the name of messengers enrolled.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Nominations—G. T. Roberts, W. W. Whiddon, E. D. Holley.

Deceased Ministers and Deacons—S. J. Belcher, J. B. White, J. W. Hughes.

Publications—G. L. Flemming, J. A. Campbell, Z. P. Miller,
Documents—Wm. J. Martin, E. N. Willis, W. L. McGee,
Finance—J. W. Thomas, L. W. Laney, S. M. Singletary.

The committee appointed to investigate and settle the Savell case, reported that for certain reasons Adoniram and Friendship churches should be dropped from the Association, and as doubts were expressed as to whether that was conclusive or not, the Moderator was asked for a ruling on that point. The Moderator ruled that the word "should," contained in he report, was not conclusive that those churches had been dropped.

Bro. A. L. Ray offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Friendship and Adoniram churches be dropped from the Judson Association.

On motion, the letter from Bethel church was re-read, and the request and recommendation contained in that letter, that the churches should exclude from their membership all who are expressedly in sympathy with Savell, and the excluded churches, was, upon a vote, non-concurred in.

The Moderator announced that he would not recognize anything further pertaining to this question during this session.

The committee on Preaching made their report as follows: Bro. Ransom Deal would preach at the arbor at 11 a. m.; Bro. R. B. Lee at 3 p. m.; Bro. R. C. Deal to-night at 7 o'clock; Bro. A. L. Martin to morrow at 11 a. m. at the house, and Bro. H. L. Crumbley at the same hour at the arbor.

The report was adopted.

Called for the report on Temperance. The report was read as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

From the best information we can get, there is a great deal of intemperance throughout the bounds of our Association, and we insist that the brethren, throughout the bounds of our Association, do all in their power to aid in the great work that lies before us. J. J. Boyett, Chm'n.

The report was adopted.

Called for the report on Indigent Ministers.

On motion, the report was deferred till morning.

Called for the report on Sabbath-schools.

Further time was asked for by the committee and allowed.

Bro. Malone being called to the chair, Bro. Ward, Treasurer, made his report as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. B. Ward, Treasurer, in account with Judson Association.

1890.		Dr.		
October 4.	To cash on hand from 1889		$ 6 65	
	" " received from Finance Committee		188 50	
October 8.	" " from Bro. Martin (pledge)		20 00	—$215 15
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October 8.	By cash paid A. L Martin, for Mission work, 1889		$101 92	
	By cash paid Bro. B Herndon		9 00	
	" " " Sister Rogers		11 60	
	" " " Clerk		25 00	
	" " " for Minutes		36 00	
	" " " for distributing Minutes		2 05	
	" " " Sister Rogers		2 00	
May 3.	By cash paid Bro. A L Martin for Mission work during present year		25 00	
	By cash paid Sister Hall		2 00	
	Balance on hand		58	—$215 15

The report was adopted.

On motion of Bro. Lee, the body adjourned for preaching. Benediction by Bro. Malone.

As announced, Bro. R. Deal preached at the arbor at this hour Text, John 15:17; theme, "Love for Christ." Bro. A. L. Martin closed with prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The body was called to order by the Moderator, and prayer was offered by Bro. Martin.

Bro. S. M. Singletary moved to suspend the regular order of business in order that Bro. Crumbley could address the body.

The motion was carried.

Bro. Crumbley proceeded to address the body: Subject, "Love of Christ, and duty to the needy;" after which a collection was taken up for Sister Rogers amounting to $19 20, which was turned over to Bro. C. V. Miller for delivery.

Bro. Malone addressed the body in behalf of the old crippled and infirm Confederate soldiers within our bounds, and, in conclusion, moved that a committee of three be appointed to write to the churches, soliciting aid for them.

The motion was carried.

The Moderator appointed brethren J. W. Malone, W. L. McGee and A. Armstrong on that committee.

The Moderator called for the report on Home Missions.

The committee was allowed till morning to report.

Called for the report on Deceased Ministers and Deacons.

The committee not being ready, on motion, further time was allowed.

The Moderator called for the report on Sabbath Schools. Bro. McGee moved that one more be added to that committee. The motion was carried, and the Moderator appointed Bro. J. W. Malone.

The report on education was called for. No report was presented.

On motion, all the reports of the standing committees were postponed till morning.

A letter from Old Zion Church was presented, asking membership into this Association.

On motion, the letter was read.

Bro. S. M. Singletary that Old Zion church be received as a member of this body.

Bro. G. L. Flemming objected, on the ground that Old Zion church was out of order. Bro. Malone arose and demanded the proof of that assertion. None was made.

Bro. Deal in the chair, Bro. Ward addressed the body, advising the petitioners to wait, in order that a reconciliation might be perfected. Several addresses were made for and against its reception, when Bro. W. W. Whiddon called for the previous question. A vote on the motion to receive was taken and carried.

It was announced that Bro. R. B. Lee would preach at the arbor at this hour.

Bro. McGee notified the body that he was ready to report on Foreign Missions, and reported as follows:

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee would urge our Association to the importance of this subject by the example and teachings of the blessed Master and the implicit obedience of the early disciples and the first churches. Now our own Association has the first claim on us, to which we ought to give our best support. We stand connected with State Missions, and to this we must respond as

best we can. We are connected by organic structure with foreign missions, which is a pressing claim upon us. To feel this claim we only have to look at the success in all the fields now occupied and hear the cry for help. May the good Lord inspire us with the influence of the Holy Spirit

W. L. McGee, Ch'n.

After addresses by Brethren A. L. Martin and J. W. Malone, urging the importance of missions, on motion the report was adopted

A letter of dismission was asked for by New Hope church, and on motion the request was granted.

The committee on Nominations made their report as follows:

NOMINATIONS.

We beg leave to make the following report: Bro. A. L Martin to preach the introductory sermon at our next session; Bro. A. Dougherty, alternate; Bro. J. W. Foster to write the circular letter; delegates to the State Convention, J. H. Spivey, J W. Foster, W. W. Nobles, D. E. Burdeshaw, J. W. Malone, Tilman Trotter, S J. Belcher, A. J. Armstrong, W. W. Kirkland, J. J. Boyett and J. B. Ward; Executive Committee, J W. Foster, M. V. Capps, W. L. McGee, A. Armstrong and J. F. Dowsey. We recommend that Bro. William J. Martin be elected treasurer of the Association.

G. T. Roberts, Ch'n.

On motion, the report was adopted.

The committee on Publications reported as follows:

PUBLICATIONS.

We find that there are several papers published in the interest of the Baptist cause, differing somewhat in opinions; therefore, we suggest that the brethren use their own discretion in selecting literature of that description.

E. W. Willis, Ch'n.

On motion, the report was adopted.

The committee on Documents made their report as follows:

DOCUMENTS.

We find in the church letter from Mt. Pleasant, Dale county, a request asking for a letter of dismission from us to join the Columbia association. While we regret to give up this church, we recommend that the request be granted. We further recommend that the next session of the association be held with Abbeville church, commencing Friday, before the first Sabbath in October, 1891.

W. J. Martin, Ch'n.

The report was adopted.

Called for the reading of the circular letter.

On motion, that item in the Order of Business was stricken out, and the reading of the circular letter was dispensed with at this session.

Bro. J. W. Thomas read the letter to the churches, which was adopted as follows:

MISSION LETTER.

I, your committee appointed to write to the churches on Missions, beg leave to make the following report: We should carry out the very name attached to us as missionaries. 1. Our teachers, or pastors, should be diligent and fait ful in teaching their churches their duty and responsibility. 2. Each church should heed in faith, and prayer, and contributions, until the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ covers the whole earth as the waters cover the great deep.

J. W. Thomas, Committee.

Bro. McGee moved that the item, in our Order of Business, of appointing a brother to write to the churches on missions be stricken out. The motion was carried.

FINANCE REPORT.

We, the committee on Finance, have received the following amounts:

For Minutes	$ 25 75
Individual pledges redeemed	10 50
Church pledges redeemed	45 50
For associational purposes	11 85
For State Missions	12 80
For Bro. Martin as evangelist	44 25
For Indian Missions	50
Total amount received	$151 15

———, Ch'n.

On motion, the report was adopted.
On motion, adjourned, after benediction by Bro. Ray.

THIRD DAY.

SATURDAY, October 5, 1890.

8:30 A. M. The devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. R. C. Deal, after which the Moderator announced the body ready for business.
Renewed the call for the report on Sabbath-schools.

SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

There is too little interest manifested by the churches of this Association in Sabbath-schools, and we recommend that Bros. Martin and Ward address the Association, instructing us as to its importance and the object of a Sabbath-school.

J. W. MALONE, Ch'n.

Bros. Martin and Malone made able arguments in favor of Sabbath-schools, urging upon the brethren to take more interest in them. The report was adopted.
The report on Home Missions was made, and adopted as follows:

HOME MISSIONS.

We find that the Home Mission Board has increased the missionary force in the field from 283 to 328, and are constantly occupying fresh points and forming other combinations wherewith to increase the power and effectiveness of this work. Twelve of these missionaries are laboring among our foreign population, 41 among the colored people, 12 in the Island of Cuba, and 255 among the native white people of the South. We note that there has been a great deal accomplished through the instrumentality of the board in Cuba, which is described little short of miraculous Surely the Spirit has guided the board in its wise direction of this work. As the outcome of three years' effort, we have a membership of 1,500, of whom 300 have been baptized within the past 12 months; 7 churches, besides 20 other stations, supplied with preaching; 26 Sunday-schools; 228 scholars and teachers. The board has purchased a house in Havana for church purposes, with a seating capacity of 3 000, at a cost of $65.000.

We find that the Home Mission Board has entered into co-operative arrangements with the State Mission Board to establish and foster theological institutes for our colored ministry in the State, with a view of promoting a better knowledge of the Scriptures and training them for a more intelligent and efficient discharge of the duties of their high calling. Notwithstanding the great efforts put forth by the board, there is a great deal of destitution in most of the Southern States. Texas is the most destitute, although there has been a good work done within her borders. Reports from Louisiana are quite encouraging, especially from the priest-ridden city of New Orleans.

Upon the whole, we have much to be thankful for. Let each church in this Association hold at least one or more missionary meetings during the year to raise the means to aid the board in this good and glorious work.

S. M. SINGLETARY, Ch'n.

Called for the report on State Missions, but the committee was not ready, and, on motion, the committee was continued.

Called for the report of the Executive Committee. Bro. Ward made the report of the Executive Committee, which was adopted as follows:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

On March 8, 1890, a full attendance was had at a meeting in Abbeville, called by the chairman. The object of the meeting was to discuss the subject of employing an evangelist during the present year. After some consideration, assuming the power vested in us by the Association, brethren A. Armstrong and M. V. Capps were appointed to confer with Bro. A. L. Martin and let him know the exact financial condition of our treasury; also to notify him that he was unanimously chosen to serve us within the bounds of the Association, and that we, the Executive Committee, would use our influence at the Association to get that body to compensate him for services actually rendered. We now earnestly request that he be paid all dues, and further recommend that Bro. A. L. Martin be continued in this work the coming year, or as long as the body sees proper.

J. B. WARD, Ch'n.

Bro. A. L. Martin read the report of his work as Evangelist, which was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF EVANGELIST.

By authority of your committee I have traveled 53 days, preaching and visiting from house to house. I made it a specialty to visit and spend some time with young ministers. Some of our churches I could not visit, because my time was so limited and I knew I could not spend more than two months in the work, for the reason that the money in sight would not justify more time. I find the churches, under the circumstances, I think, in a hopeful condition. With few exceptions, many of our churches have interesting Sabbath-schools. I do hope the day will come when all of them will be awakened to this great want, that the rising generation may be so educated in the great truths of the Bible that all Baptists of the next generation will know that the spirit of missions is taught in the Bible, practically demonstrated in the life and work of Christ, and completely imbedded in the commission he gave the church. Let us awake to the importance of mission work at home and abroad.

A. L. MARTIN, Evangelist.

Brethren Foster and Malone addressed the body, favoring the recommendation of the Executive Committee in employing Bro. A. L. Martin as Evangelist the next associational year. A motion was made and carried that Bro. Martin be employed as Evangelist. Bro. A. Armstrong moved that pledges be taken for this purpose, and the following were made:

PLEDGES FOR EVANGELIST.

CHURCHES.

Abbeville	$10 00	Lawrenceville	$ 5 00
Bethel, Barbour	15 00	Pleasant Grove	20 00
Center	3 00	Sardis	2 00
Fellowship	5 00	Shorterville	5 00
Hebron	5 00	Union	2 00
Headland	5 00	Old Zion	5 00
		Judson	5 00
Total			$87 00

INDIVIDUALS.

D. W. Capps	$ 1 00	W. J. Barnes	$ 2 50
A. J. Armstrong	1 00	A. Starling (paid)	1 00
J. T. Barnes	2 00	J. R Price	1 00
W J Doswell	2 00	J. W. Foster	10 00
W. H. Capps	1 00	Wm. J. Martin	5 00
W. W. Whiddon (paid)	1 00	J. W. Malone	1 00
J. W. Thomas (paid)	1 00	A. Harp (paid)	1 00
W. G. Davison (paid)	1 00	A. Armstrong	1 00
Z P. Miller (paid)	1 00	C. Johnson (paid)	50
A. L. Ray (paid)	1 00	C C. Murphy (paid)	50
S. J. Belcher (paid)	1 00	W. L McGee	1 00
J. W. Herndon (paid)	1 00	W A McClendon.	1 00
S. M. Singletary	1 00	J. B Ward	2 50
		M. V. Capps	5 00
Total			$18 00

The report on Education was made by Bro. Boyett, and adopted as follows:

EDUCATION.

It is admitted by all investigators of the subject, that education in its true sense is one of the grandest principles that we can be interested in. This is clearly demonstrated throughout our country. It does not save the soul, but it helps to add those Christian graces which should characterize all who are brought to newness of life by the work of the Holy Spirit, as well as to raise our people from the polluted and vulgar quagmires of sin. A feeiing of great interest should be aroused to a better support of our schools and colleges for the sake of the Master's cause. Your committee would insist on a greater interest in the education of our ministers.

J. S. Espy, Ch'n.

Bro. J. W. Thomas moved that Bro. Barnes be kept in school, and that the pledges that were redeemed for State Missions be applied to his support in school. The motion was adopted.

A cash collection was taken for the same purpose, and amounts received were as follows:

H. L. Crumbley	$1 00	C. Johnson	$ 50
A. L Ray	25	B. Johnson	1 00
A. Armstrong	1 00	W. L McGee	50
J W. Thomas	1 00	J. W. Herndon	50
J. A. Campbell	25	A. Harp	50
		Wm. G. Davison	1 00

Bro. W. W. Whiddon moved to reconsider the action of the Association, applying the money sent up for State Missions to the education of Bro. J. T. Barnes, and suggested that the Association ought to raise funds for that purpose and let the pledges go as directed by the churches. The motion to reconsider was lost.

The committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons made their report, which was adopted as follows:

DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

After making inquiry of our brethren of the Association, we find that the good Lord has seen fit to spare our ministers and deacons through another associational year.

S. J. Belcher, Ch'n.

Bro. Malone moved that the monies collected for disabled Confederate soldiers be turned over to the Treasurer, and he to pay to the committee appointed to look after same. The motion was carried.

The following Resolution of Thanks, by Bro. J. W. Malone, was adopted:

Resolved, That we heartily express our sincere thanks to this church and the citizens of this community for their hospitality to us during our stay with them.

It was moved and carried that, at the close of the sermon to-day, a collection be taken up for Associational purposes.

On motion of Bro. Malone, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with, and the Clerk paid $25 for his services.

Adjourned to meet with Abbevile church, on Friday before the first Sabbath in October, 1891.

JOHN B. WARD, MODERATOR.

W. A. McCLENDON, Clerk.

Bro. A. L. Martin preached in the house, and Bro. H. L. Crumbley at the arbor, at the close of which a collection for associational purposes was taken up, amounting to $20.50.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

A. L. Martin	Abbeville, Ala.	J. W. Malone	Wesley, Ala.
J. W. Herndon	Shorterville, "	B. Herndon	Shorterville, "
J. W. Knowles	Bracken, "	Moses Bracken	Bracken, "
S. J. Knowles	Headland, "	Aris Armstrong	Headland, "
D. E. Burdeshaw	Kincey, "	S. T. Spivey	Dothan, "
R. B. Lee	Eufaula, "	A. Daughety	Cowarts, "

LICENTIATES.

J. A. Campbell	Headland, Ala.	J. M. Whiddon	Headland, Ala.
John Mann	Strickland, "	J. T. Barnes	Abbeville, "

A. L. Ray, Bush, Ala.

STANDING COMITTEES.

State Missions—A. J. Teague, W. F. Mills. Z. P. Miller.

Home Missions—S. M. Singetary, W. W. Whiddon, W. A. Peacock.

Foreign Missions—W. J. Doswell, J. B. White, J. M. Wells.

To Open Discussion on Missions—A. Daughety.

Education—J. S. Espy, M. V. Capps, G. B. Weaver. To open discussion: D. E. Burdeshaw.

Temperance—J. A. Campbell, A. J. Armstrong, S. J. Belcher. To open discussion: R. B. Lee.

Aged and Indigent Ministers and Widows and Orphans of Decesased Ministers—W. L. McGee, E. A. Saunders, J. W. Knowles.

Sabbath-Schools—J. J. Boyett, R. C. Granberry, A. H. Taylor. To open discussion: J. W. Foster.

Publications—J. W. Thomas, A. L. Ray, E. D. Holley.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

ARTICLE 1. We believe in the existence of one only true and living God, and that he has made himself known to his people under the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence, and equal in divine perfection.

ART. 2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

ART. 3. We believe in the doctrine of election, that God chose his people in Christ before the foundation of the world: that they should be holy and without blame before him in love, having predestined them to the adoption of children by Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will.

ART. 4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

ART. 5 We believe in man's incompetency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own will and ability.

ART. 6. We believe sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

ART. 7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

ART. 8. We believe that nothing can separate the true believers from the love of God, but that they will be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

ART. 9. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ; that the true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and that immersion only is baptism.

ART. 10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.

ART 11. We believe that the punishment of the wicked to be everlasting, and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

ART. 12 We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances unless he is called of God, and come under the imposition of hands by a presbytery, and is in fellowship in the church of which he is a member.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. Every query sent up to the Association by any church in the Union, shall be read and put to a vote by the Moderator whether it shall be debated or not; and if there be a majority for it, it shall be taken up and investigated; but if not it shall be withdrawn, provided always, that those be first considered which affect the union of the churches.

2 Every motion made and seconded shall come under the observation of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

3 Every person who speaks in debate shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator; and he shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject in debate.

4 No person shall speak more than three times upon the same subject without leave of the body.

5. No member shall abruptly break off or absent himself without leave of the body, and if he so does, he shall be marked as an absentee.

6 The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and called over as often as the body may require.

7. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided the chair be filled, but he shall not vote except the body be equally divided.

8. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a regular record of the proceedings of the body.

9. The minutes of the Association shall be read and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the body rises.

10. Amendments may be made to this form of government by two-thirds of the members in session.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This union shall be known and distinguished by the style and title of the JUDSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ART. 2 This Association shall be composed of representatives from the churches in the union, in the following ratio: All churches composed of one hundred members and under, shall be allowed two messengers; those having over one hundred and fifty members, three messengers; those having over one hundred and fifty, and not two hundred members, four messengers; and so in graduation—one messenger for every fifty members, who shall be required to furnish satisfactory evidence of their appointment by their churches, before they take their seats.

ART 3 The messengers, when convened, shall organize themselves into a deliberative body, by election of a Moderator and Clerk. These officers shall be chosen by ballot at each annual meeting, and continue in office until new ones are elected.

ART. 4. The Association shall not interfere with rights of the churches of which she is composed. She shall regard them as independent bodies in all matters of internal government, and shall only act as an advisory council, assuming no authority except what is expressly delegated to her by the churches, or evidently implied by the very nature of this compact; she, nevertheless, claims authority over her own members, the messengers of the churches, and in justice and propriety must have power to withdraw from and disown all churches that depart from the principles of this compact by becoming unorthodox in faith, or disorderly in practice. She should, therefore, regard all the churches united under this Constitution with a vigilant eye for good. Her principal business shall be to promote the glory of God by extending his kingdom of grace on earth, through the medium of preaching the gospel and other means, in accordance with the gospel; to cultivate union and fellowship with all the churches of Christ, and especially with those united in this Association.

ART 5. Newly constituted churches, or churches dismissed from other Associations of the same faith and order, may be admitted into this union by their sending up their messengers to an annual meeting, with a petition, and by those messengers agreeing to the Abstract of Principles herewith published.

ART. 6. The churches of this union shall transmit to every annual session of this Association written communications, specifying the names of the messengers, number in fellowship, baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excluded, restored and dead, since last session, and all other information which the churches may deem important, which shall be read and minuted accordingly.

ART. 7. This Association shall have a fund, supplied by the voluntary contributions of the churches, and all money thus contributed shall be transmitted from the churches and paid over, through the Committee on Finance, to the Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot, and hold his office during the pleasure of the Association He shall receive and manage the funds according to the order of the Association, and present annually for insertion in the minutes, a clear and full statement of all receipts and expenditures.

ART 8. This Association shall furnish the churches with the minutes of every session.

ART. 9. This Association shall not take cognizance of any query sent up by the churches unless they have endeavored to solve the same and failed, nor of any difficulty between churches, unless they have pursued the directions contained in the 18th chapter of Matthew, and have not been able to settle them; then the Association shall take such matters into consideration and act upon them at her discretion.

ART. 10. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Association to keep a regular file of printed minutes of every session of this body, and deliver over the same to his sucessor in office.

ART 11. This Association, when convened, shall be governed by proper Rules of Decorum, which she is authorized to form and amend, according to her own views.

ART 12 This Constitution may be altered or amended at a regular meeting of this body, by a concurring voice of two-thirds of the members present; Provided, such alteration or amendment be approved by a majority of the churches.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF JUDSON ASSOCIATION—1890.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	State Missions.	Minutes.	Associational Purposes and Undesignated.	S. S. Expenses.	Indian Missions.	Pastor's Salary.	Repairs, Fuel, the Poor, etc.	Value of Building and Furniture.
Abbeville	$10 00	$10 00	$ 2 00	$.....	$.....	.....	$ 400 00	$.	$ 850 00
Ad miram	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bethel	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Beulah	.....	4 50	1 00	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Center	.....	2 50	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Christian Grove	.....	1 00	1 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Concord	3 00	3 00	1 50	.....	4 60	.....	.....	.....	.....
Enon	.....	2 80	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fellowship	.....	5 00	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 00	100 00
Friendship	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hebron	.....	3 00	1 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Headland	.....	.....	1 50	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Judson	.....	5 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lawrenceville	4 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt Pleasant (Dale)	.....	3 00	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Ariel	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt Pleasant (Barbour)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Hope	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oaky Grove	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Grove	12 25	10 00	1 50	.....	.....	.....	250 00	175 00	600 00
Sardis	.....	2 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Shorterville	5 00	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Smyrna	.....	1 00	1 00	3 25	.....	50	.....	.....	.....
Tolbert	.....	3 00	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Union	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Old Zion	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	$44 25	$55 80	$25 75	$ 8 75	$ 4 60	50	$ 650 00	$ 182 00	$1550 00

J. B. Ward, Moderator, Abbeville, Ala.: W. A. McClendon, Clerk, Abbeville, Ala. Session of 1890 held with Pleasant Grove church, Henry county, on the 3rd, 4th and 5th of October, 1890.

STATISTICS OF JUDSON ASSOCIATION—1890.

Church.	County.	Pastor.	Clerk.	Clerk's P. O.	No. Ordained Ministers	No. Licensed Ministers	Membership Last Reported.	In'erse by				Dec by			Present Membership	S. S. Offi. & Teach.	S. S. Pupils.	Prch'ng Sabbaths	Reports Revival.
								Baptism.	Letter.	Experience.	Restoration.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Death.					
Abbeville	Henry	H. L. Crumbley.	J. W. Foster	Abbeville	1	....	112	2	4	..	1	1	2	..	115	15	107	2–4	....
a Aduuiram	Henry	S. A. Savell	W H. Parker	Hardwicksburg	....	....	6	3	2	3	1	1	..	..	65	..	..	2	....
Bethel	Barbour	J. W. Malone	A. P. Belcher	Belcher	1	1	121	....	2	..	..	....	2	1	120	..	.....	4	....
Beulah	Henry	D. E. Burdeshaw.	J. G. Patterson	Dothan	....	....	93	5	1	..	1	8	4	..	81	..	....	4	....
Center	Henry	Silas Williford	F. M. Roney	Bracken	....	1	66	7	5	..	1	4	1	1	73	..	70	3	Yes
Christian Grove	Barbour	R. B. Lee	G. B. James.	Eufaula	1	....	51	21	4	..	..	3	2	1	70	..	.....	1	Yes
Concord	Henry	E. M. Knowles	F. M. Kirkland	Bracken	1	....	70	....	4	..	4	12	1	..	65	3	30	3	.....
Enon	Henry	D. E. Burdeshaw.	N. Burdeshaw.	Kincey	1	2	17	6	13	1	..	....	1	..	35	6	60	1	Yes
Fellowship	Henry	R. C. Deal	H. Wiggins	Abbeville	....	....	93	8	1	..	1	8	4	..	91	..	...	2	Yes
a Friendship	Henry	S. A. Savell	J F. Phillips	Shorterville.	1	....	60	2	3	..	..	....	..	..	65	..	.....	1	.....
Hebron	Henry	Aris Armstrong	J. M. Armstrong	Columbia	....	....	41	2	3	..	3	4	3	..	42	..	....	2	....
Headland	Henry	J C. Skipper	S. W. Herring.	Headland	....	2	134	....	5	..	1	20	1	1	110	..	....	1	...
Judson	Henry	——Corley	J. W. Thomas	Otho	....	....	85	...	....	..	..	6	1	1	78	..	...	1	.....
Lawrenceville	Henry	A. L. Martin	N. L Hanley	Lawrenceville.	....	....	37	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	16	..	.....	3	...
b Mt. Pleasant	Dale	R C. Deal	J M. Mann	Midland City	1	...	137	8	3	..	1	7	2	..	140	...	.....	4	Yes
Mt Ariel	Barbour	R. B. Lee	W. C. Jernigan	Belcher	....	....	51	1	1	..	..	1	...	1	51	..	...	2	....
Mt Pleasant	Barbour	.....	.....	.....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	..	.....	.....	....
b New Hope	Henry	J. W. Herndon	T. A. Gamble	Shorterville	1	....	30	1	...	..	2	2	..	..	31	..	.....	2	.....
Oaky Grove	Henry	J. T Barnes	F. M. Holland	Abbeville	....	....	40	.....	.....	..	1	....	....	..	41	..	.....	1	.....
Pleasant Grove	Henry	H. L. Crumbley	W. A Mc lendon.	Abbeville	....	....	121	5	5	..	..	4	...	4	123	..	.....	1	Yes
Sardis	Henry	A L. Martin	E. D. Holly	Lawrenceville	....	....	33	...	....	..	..	1	..	..	32	..	.....	4	.....
Shorterville	Henry	A. L. Martin	W. F. Mills	Shorterville	....	....	97	1	..	..	..	9	1	..	88	..	...	2	.....
Smyrna	Henry	D. E. Burdeshaw.	W. F. Jordan	Cowarts	1	...	57	..	2	..	..	4	2	..	53	...	...	4	.....
Tolbert	Henry	Aris Armstro g.	M. P Shelley	Baker	....	..	127	6	4	..	3	4	4	..	132	..	.....	4	
Union	Henry	S. T. Spivey	W. Bracken	Bracken	2	...	28	7	2	..	..	2	...	..	35	..	....	4	...
c Old Zion	Henry	J. W. Malone	A. Starling	Shorterville.	...	..		....				....	....	..	25	...	.....	1	....
Total					11	6	1786	88	64	4	19	101	31	9	1780	24	267	.....	....

a The Association withdrew fellowship from those Churches.
b The Association granted letters of dismission to those churches.
c This church was received by letter into the Association.

S. S. Superintendents and their Post-offices: Abbeville church—J. B. Ward, Abbeville. Center—W. N. Kirkland, Bracken. Concord—F. M. Kirkland, Bracken. Enon—A. H. Taylor, Kincey.

RECORD OF TWENTY SEVEN SESSIONS OF THE JUDSON ASSOCIATION.

Session.	Date.	MODERATORS.	CLERKS.	INTRODUCTORY SERMONS.	MISSIONARY SERMONS.	PLACE OF MEETING.	Finance Report.	Baptism.
8	1858	E. Cody	W. B. Laey	Daniel Cumbie	J. B. Taylor	Daleville	$ 474 25	379
10	1860	E. Cody	E. Brooks	Daniel Cumbie	J. B. Taylor	Newton	417 25	291
11	1861	E. Cody	H. W. B. Price.	W. P. Bryan	C. Smith	Judson	351 06	81
14	1864	P. M. Calloway	H. W. B. Price	D. Rogers	L. R. Sims	Shorterville		
15	1865	P. M. Calloway	E. Brooks			Sardis		
18	1868	L. R. Sims	J. R. Morris			Beulah	186 00	235
19	1869	L. R. Sims	Nat Pace	A. L. Martin	P. M. Calloway	Gordon	247 85	174
20	1870	L. R. Sims	Jas. R. Morris	L. R. Sims	R. W. Preast	New Hope	185 20	
22	1872	L. R. Sims	J. L. Williams	L. R. Sims	T. E. Langley	Abbeville	277 50	149
23	1873	L. R. Sims	D. Rogers	W. A. Cumbie	T. E. Langley	Pilgrim's Rest	144 95	170
24	1874	L. R. Sims	D. Rogers	A. L. Martin	L. R. Sims	Bethel	111 05	169
25	1875	L. R. Sims	D. Rogers	E. M. Knowles	T. E. Langley	Walnut Grove	246 00	103
26	1876	L. R. Sims	D. Rogers	W. A. Cumbie	P. M. Calloway	Peasant Grove	132 20	100
27	1877	L. R. Sims	D. Rogers	E. M. Knowles	W. N. Chaudoiu	Shorterville	239 30	254
28	1878	L. R Sims	D. Rogers	L. R. Sims	A. L. Martin	Pleasant Plains	165 00	90
29	1879	L. R. Sims	D. Rogers	A. L. Martin	T. E. Langley	Columbia	110 25	152
30	1880	J. W. Foster	D. Rogers	L. R. Sims	T. E. Langley	Abbeville	436 00	108
31	1881	J. W. Foster	D. Rogers	D Rogers	A. P. Ashurst	Adoniram	259 25	98
32	1882	J. W. Foster	D. Rogers	A. P Ashurst	P. M. Calloway	Bethlehem	255 80	115
33	1883	J. W. Foster	D. Rogers	A. L. Martin	A. P. Ashurst	Smyrna	212 00	134
34	1884	J. W. Foster	D. Rogers	J. W. Malone	A. L. Blizard	Shorterville	261 50	162
35	1885	J. W. Foster	D Rogers	W. M. Bruner	M. B. Bean	Beulah	337 50	152
36	1886	J. W. Foster	D. Rogers	G. A. Nunnally, D. D	W. N. Reeves, D. D	Abbeville	167 50	113
37	1887	J. W. Foster	W. A. McLendon	J. W. Malone	A L. Martin	Bethel	139 00	107
38	1888	J. W. Foster	W. A. McLendon	A. L. Martin	N. C. Underwood	Mt. Pleasant, Dale	155 50	104
39	1889	J. W Foster	W. A. McLendon	A. L. Martin	N. C. Underwood	Colbert	188 50	124
40	1890	J. B. Ward	W. A. McLendon	D. E. Burdeshaw	H. L. Crumbley	Pleasant Grove	115 15	85

The Clerk made every effort to get a full file of minutes, but the above is all that could be obtained.

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